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SUBJECT: INDEPENDENCE DAY RECEPTION

1. ABOUT 250 YUGOSLAVS, INCLUDING A REMARKABLY HIGH-RANKING AND HEAVY CROATIAN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION, ATTENDED OUR INDEPENDENCE DAY RECEPTION JULY 2, DESPITE POOR WEATHER. THE CROATIAN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION WAS LED BY DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE CROATIAN PRESIDENCY BORIS BAKRAC (SECOND RANKING CROATIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL AFTER BLAZEVIC) AND INCLUDED: SECRETARY FOR INDUSTRY, IVO BAUTOVIC; SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE, HERMA KRAUS-DELPIN; PRESIDENT OF THE CROATIAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS, LJUBOMIR MAJERIC; PRESIDENT OF THE SABOR'S COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, VERA GEROVAC-TRTANJ; MEMBER OF THE REPUBLIC COUNCIL FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AMBASSADOR VJEKOSLAV CVRLJE; UNDER SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND CULTURE, STJEPAN HUML; UNDER SECRETARY FOR INDUSTRY SLAVKO LUKAS; DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL FOR TOURISM, KRESO CAR; PRESIDENT OF THE YUGOSLAV ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND ARTS, GRGA NOVAK; PRESIDENT OF THE CROATIAN VETERANS ORGANIZATION PERO CAR; AND, AMONG THOSE FROM OUT OF TOWN, THE MAYOR OF ZADAR IVICA MESTRUKA.

2. UPON LEAVING THE RECEPTION, CHIEF OF CROATIAN PROTOCOL,
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MILUNOVIC, POINTED TO THE LARGE TURNOUT OF OFFICIALS AND COMMENTED

"AS YOU SEE, THIS IS A NEW CLIMATE."

3. COMMENT: CONSULATE GENERAL ZAGREB HAS LONG HAD A WIDE RANGE OF CONTACTS WHICH WE ARE CONTINUING TO EXTEND AND DEVELOP. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY RECEPTION IN ZAGREB DREW A LARGER NUMBER OF RANKING YUGOSLAVS THAN IN AT LEAST TEN YEARS. JUDGING FROM REMARKS OF YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS, WE BELIEVE THE TURNOUT OF OFFICIALS IN SO LARGE A NUMBER IS AN ANTICIPATION OF THE PROJECTED VISITS TO YUGOSLAVIA AND POSSIBLY CROATIA OF PRESIDENT FORD AND SPEAKER ALBERT. KAISER

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